

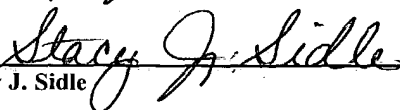
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Georges Marcel Victor Thielen, et al.)
For: TIRE WITH COMPONENT COMPRISED)
OF RUBBER COMPOSITION OF STYRENE/)
BUTADIENE ELASTOMER CONTAINING)
PENDENT SILANOL AND/OR SILOXY)
GROUPS)

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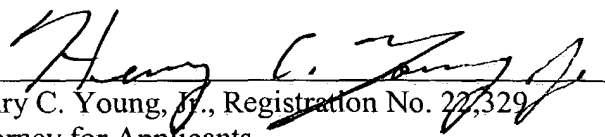

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